21 December 1949

MEMORANDUM TO: COP

SUBJECT:

BGFIEND



- 1. This will confirm our telephone conversation of 19 December regarding the purchase of a ship for use in connection with project BGFIEND. It was agreed that the proposed plan for the purchase, operation and disposition of the ship should be clearly set out in memorandum form for consideration by all elements of OPC.
- 2. Together with the plan for control and operation, it is suggested that this memorandum include the answer to as many of the following questions on support aspects as is possible:
 - a. Under what cover will the ship be purchased?
 - b. To whom are the funds to be paid, what currency is to be used, and approximately when should it be made available?
 - c. What will be the gross cost of the ship, to include purchase fees (legal, licensing, etc.), repairs, alterations and cost of installation of signal equipment.
 - d. In whom will title rest upon purchase and how will legal ownership be established for OPC?
 - e. Who will bear the cost of operation of the ship (fuel, provisions, crew's wages, etc.) and if OPC is to bear any portion of this cost, how will the proportionate amount be determined and accounted for?

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